

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2011.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 1, 653–683; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 26; and H. Res. 86–90, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 347, to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code (H. Rept. 112–9);

H.R. 394, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–10); and

H.R. 386, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–11, Pt. 1).

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yeas-and-nays vote of 344 yeas to 50 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 34.

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Directing certain standing committees to inventory and review existing, pending, and proposed regulations and orders from agencies of the Federal Government: The House agreed to H. Res. 72, to direct certain standing committees to inventory and review existing, pending, and proposed regulations and orders from agencies of the Federal Government, particularly with respect to their effect on jobs and economic growth, by a recorded vote of 391 yeas to 28 noes, Roll No. 33.

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Rejected the Carnahan motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Rules with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 178 yeas to 242 nays, Roll No. 32.

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H. Res. 73, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to on Thursday, February 10th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, February 14th, when it shall convene at 12 noon for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 7:07 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H713, H714, and H714–15. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Assessment of Reentry Initiatives, Recidivism and Corrections Spending. Testimony was heard from R. Seth Williams, District Attorney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the Postal Service. Testimony was heard from David C. Williams, Inspector General, U.S. Postal Service.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S ROLE IN CYBER

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on What Should the Department of Defense's Role in Cyber Be? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Emerging Trends at the National Labor Relations Board. Testimony was heard from Arthur Rosenfeld, former General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board; and public witnesses.

CHEMICAL TERRORISM

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled "Preventing Chemical Terrorism: Building a Foundation of Security at Our Nation's Chemical Facilities." Testimony was heard from Rand Beers, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; George S. Hawkins, General Manager, Water and Sewer Authority, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

PATENT REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition, and the Internet held a hearing on Crossing the Finish Line on Patent Reform: What Can and Should Be Done. Testimony was heard from Paul Michel, former Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit; and public witnesses.

OIL SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a joint hearing on Improving Oil Spill Prevention and Response, Restoring Jobs, and Ensuring our Energy Security: Recommendations from the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling. Testimony was heard from the following members of the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling: Donald F. Boesch; and Terry D. Garcia; and ADM Thad Allen,

USN (Ret.), National Incident Commander, BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

SOCIAL SECURITY'S NEW NATIONAL COMPUTER CENTER

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a joint oversight hearing on the Progress Made to Replace the SSA's National Computer Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General; and G. Kelly Croft, Deputy Commissioner, Systems; and David Foley, Deputy Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GAO.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 14 through February 19, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 223, FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act. At 4:30 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nominations of James E. Graves, Jr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and Edward J. Davila, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, with a voice vote on confirmation of the nomination of James E. Graves, Jr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and a roll call vote on confirmation of the nomination of Edward J. Davila, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, at 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: February 17, to hold hearings to examine agriculture and growing America's economy, 2:30 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: February 15, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael Vickers, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence, and Jo Ann Rooney, of Massachusetts, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

February 17, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 17, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the